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1. An external storage subsystem comprising:  
a cache memory to store data temporarily; and  
an interface through which a connection with a supervisory unit can be established for reading and writing data, wherein:  
staging of the data into the cache memory and destaging of the data from the cache memory are performed according to an instruction from the supervisory unit, the instruction formulated by the supervisory unit according to a selectable criteria.
2. An external storage subsystem having a cache memory to store data temporarily, and in which user data is stored in the cache memory or removed from the cache memory based on user defined information or upon operating information of the external storage subsystem.
3. The external storage subsystem as claimed in claim 1, in which the storage in or removal from the cache memory of the user data is executed in a processing unit of data-set domain.
4. The external storage subsystem as claimed in claim 2, in which the storage in or removal from the cache memory of the user data is executed in a processing unit of data-set domain.
5. An information processing system having an external storage subsystem which has a cache memory, and a host unit which is connected to the external storage subsystem and executes writing and reading data to the external storage subsystem, and in which  
the host unit has a host utility program to manage data in the cache memory, and user defined information or operating information of the external storage subsystem for execution of a host utility program; and  
the external storage subsystem receives instructions based on the user defined information or the operating information and executes storage of a set of user data in the cache memory or removal of a set of user data from the cache memory.

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